

CalWORKs Housing Support Program (HSP)

Program Overview

- Senate Bill (SB) 855 (Chapter 29, Statutes of 2014) allocated \$20 million for a new HSP for homeless CalWORKs recipients which provided funding for 20 counties.
- For fiscal year 2015-2016, the allocation increased to \$35 million which provided funding to 44 counties.
- In following core components of a Rapid Re-Housing program, HSP assists families in quickly obtaining permanent housing by offering financial assistance and several wrap-around supportive services to foster housing retention.

Program Accomplishments for Fiscal Year (FY) 2014-2015

- Counties maximized the HSP allocation, spending over 60% on direct financial assistance, in addition to an estimated 15% on direct case management services.
- 5,567 families were approved for HSP and received case management services and/or financial assistance.
- 2,019 families were housed in permanent housing, **with an average of 200 homeless families moving to permanent housing each month** (for the ten month period of September 2014 – June 2015).

Program Goals and Accomplishments for FY 2015-2016

- From July 2015 through December 2015:
 - **2,379 families were approved for HSP and 1,002 families were moved into permanent housing.**
 - Counties anticipate 4,000 families will move from homelessness to permanent housing by the end of June 2016.
- Key areas of focus include:
 - Strengthening collaboration with the local Continuum of Care to integrate HSP within the local homeless services system.
 - Building Rapid Re-Housing capacity by developing landlord relationships and increasing housing stock.
 - Incorporating HSP into the overall CalWORKs program including Family Stabilization and Expanded Subsidized Employment, while leveraging funding to maximize the HSP allocation.
- CDSS provides continued oversight, technical assistance, and training opportunities to ensure utilization of Rapid Re-Housing best practices.

Key Dates

- ❖ **October 2014:** First 20 counties began implementing HSP.
- ❖ **September 2014 - June 2015:** CDSS convened four HSP seminars.
- ❖ **July 2015 - August 2015:** 44 counties requested funding for FY 2015-16.
- ❖ **October 2015:** CDSS allocated HSP funds to all 44 counties totaling \$35 million.
- ❖ **November 2015:** All HSP counties attended trainings on Rapid Rehousing.
- ❖ **CalWORKs Housing Support Program Webpage:**
<http://www.cdss.ca.gov/calworks/PG3658.htm>

CalWORKs Housing Support Program Allocations for FY 2015-16

Counties*	Allocation	Families to be Housed
Alameda	\$1,516,825	81
Contra Costa	\$1,441,509	100
Fresno	\$1,000,000	146
Los Angeles	\$4,000,000	265
Madera	\$431,300	150
Merced	\$703,018	100
Monterey	\$615,782	48
Orange	\$612,000	57
Riverside	\$1,500,000	280
Sacramento	\$1,803,054	271
San Bernardino	\$1,759,106	286
San Diego	\$1,000,000	134
San Francisco	\$2,789,428	127
San Luis Obispo	\$1,600,000	200
Santa Clara	\$1,597,000	75
Santa Cruz	\$1,128,852	80
Sonoma	\$1,012,381	101
Tuolumne	\$199,637	50
Ventura	\$792,000	100
Yolo	\$1,400,000	120
New Counties		
Butte	\$575,550	110
Calaveras	\$150,000	40
Colusa/Glenn/Trinity	\$300,000	50
El Dorado	\$472,548	48
Humboldt	\$496,009	53
Kern	\$509,365	107
Kings	\$299,250	80
Marin	\$461,464	35
Mariposa	\$123,909	10
Mendocino	\$343,000	38
Napa	\$184,252	34
Nevada	\$263,750	40
Placer	\$300,000	25
San Benito	\$166,105	26
San Joaquin	\$330,909	111
Santa Barbara	\$482,344	65
Shasta	\$626,699	82
Solano	\$825,816	69
Stanislaus	\$412,760	200
Tehama	\$52,593	10
Tulare	\$399,000	119
Yuba	\$322,492	39
Total	\$35,000,000	4,115

*Counties also operated HSP in FY 2014-15